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Application No.: 10/721,352)	Group Art Unit: 3746
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For: COMPRESSOR HAVING A)	
DISCHARGE VALVE MECHANISM)	
INCLUDING A VALVE RETAINER)	
HAVING A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED)	
CURVED SURFACE)	

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In response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected on page 5 of this paper and the attached drawing sheets.

Request for Reconsideration begins on page 6 of this paper.

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